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Asbestos, Lead Abatement Contractor **License Revocations**

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead and Home Inspectors issued three license revocations at its most recent meeting Wednesday, November 1. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

AIR POWER ENTERPRISES INC. PORTSMOUTH, VA

File Number 2006-04291

VIOLATIONS – Air Power violated the Board's statute and regulations by its federal felony conviction and failure to maintain the required asbestos specialty on its contractor license. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of Asbestos Contractor License No. 3306000658.

File Number 2006-04292

VIOLATIONS – Air Power violated the Board's statute and regulations by its federal felony conviction and failure to maintain the required lead abatement specialty on its contractor license. BOARD ACTION - Revocation of Lead Abatement Contractor License No. 3358000088.

ACS ENVIRONMENTAL INC. NORFOLK, VA

File Number 2006-04403

VIOLATIONS – ACS Environmental violated the Board's statute and regulations by its federal felony convictions and failure to notify the Board.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of Asbestos Contractor License No. 3306000190.

<u>About DPOR and the Board for Asbestos, Lead and Home Inspectors</u>

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 250,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers. DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Asbestos, Lead and Home Inspectors oversees the state's asbestos and lead-based paint activities licensing regulations, and establishes criteria for training courses and asbestos laboratories. In 2001, the General Assembly expanded the Board's responsibilities to include a voluntary certification program for home inspectors. The Board is composed of one asbestos contractor, one lead contractor, one asbestos inspector or project manager, one lead risk assessor, one analytical laboratory representative, one training course provider, two home inspectors, and two citizen members.

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